

Town Elects Golden Retriever as “Honorary Mayor” for the Weekend

Residents of the small town of Maple Grove were surprised this weekend when a golden retriever named Sunny was officially named the town’s “Honorary Mayor” during the annual spring festival. Sunny, who is well known around town for greeting visitors outside local shops and attending community events with her owner, won the title after receiving the most votes in a local fundraiser competition.

As honorary mayor, Sunny participated in the town parade, posed for photos with families, and even wore a tiny mayor sash during the festival. Local businesses joined the fun by offering dog treats, themed cookies, and “Mayor Sunny” merchandise throughout the weekend.

Town officials said the event was created to bring the community together and raise money for the local animal shelter. Organizers reported that the fundraiser collected more than \$5,000 for shelter renovations and pet supplies.

Many residents said the event brought positive energy to the town. “It’s something lighthearted that made people smile,” one festival visitor shared. Others joked that Sunny was already more popular than most real politicians.

While the event was clearly meant to entertain the community, some residents also noted that it helped bring attention to animal adoption and support for local shelters.

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